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Volunteers recognized at luncheon

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Nearly 300 base volunteers were recognized for their volunteer efforts during an appreciation luncheon last week at Reflections.

Four volunteers were also awarded the base's annual Helping Hand and Volunteer of the Year awards.

"The volunteer luncheon was an opportunity for the base to thank the volunteers and show them their work is appreciated," said Kathy Arcement, volunteer coordinator at the base Family Service Center.

Doelfel



Flanagan



Theroux

Volunteers from the American Red Cross, Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, Navy Family Service Center, MWR, DGF, Navy Legal Services and Rota Animal Welfare League were recognized.

Barbara Theroux and Air Force Staff Sgt. Laura Harmon, who was unable to attend the ceremony, were awarded the base's Helping Hand of the Year award, given annually to both a military and a civilian who volunteered up to 300 hours.

Kimberlee Flanagan and Lt. Brian Doelfel were awarded the base's Volunteer of the Year award, given annually to both a military and a civilian who volunteered more than 300 hours during the year.

The 132 volunteers who attended the luncheon each received certificates of appreciation, a free lunch at Reflections.

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VQ-2 wins top aviation safety award

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Rota's Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO, VQ-2, has been awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award. The award recognizes the units with the Navy's best aviation safety practices.

"Over the past few years, the safety program has been the focus of the commanding officer," said Lt. Erik Ostrom, a VQ-2 pilot and the NATOPS officer.

"Mission accomplishment is the number one goal of the command and safety is part of that mission – they go hand-in-hand," said Ostrom. "The mission is to get to the target and come home safely."

For the past year, getting to the target – the operational area the squadron's P-3s work within – has meant flying in support of real-world operations like JOINT FORCE, DELIBERATE FORCE, ALLIED FORCE and JOINT GUARDIAN.

"With the amount of taskings we've had, we've been very busy," said Ostrom. "People have been spread pretty thin and the maintainers had to put in a lot of extra hours to make sure the planes were ready to perform the mission."

The squadron accumulated more than 5,000 flight hours and maintained a zero mishap year – even with the increased operational tempo.

"Its zero mishap year testifies to the professionalism, fortitude and commitment to safety demonstrated by every member of the team," said Rear Adm. J. E. Boyington, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces

Atlantic in a congratulatory message sent to VQ-2.

A key factor that helped the squadron build their safety program was getting everyone in the command involved in the program.

"People have taken it on themselves to become a safety officer," said Ostrom.

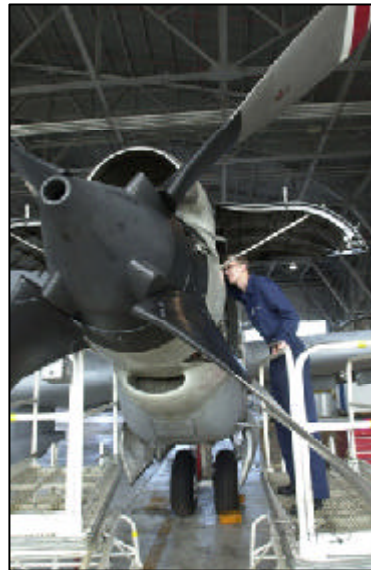
"People are involved and it's up to them to make sure the rules and regulations are observed by everyone. I think everyone has a positive attitude about that," he said.

Other than getting maximum participation in the program, Ostrom said the VQ-2 safety program isn't much different than any other safety program.

"It's going by the book. We like to say the NATOPS manual is written in blood, well, same thing with the safety program," Ostrom said.

"What makes our program work, though, is attention to detail and that we're implementing all the programs throughout the command," he added.

VQ-2 provides electronic intelligence to NATO, national, theater and fleet command-



photo/JOC Jon McMillan

ADAN Tom Glasl, a power plant mechanic for VQ-2, performs maintenance on one of the squadron's P-3s.

ers. The squadron typically has three mission aircraft and two to three training aircraft operational.

Rota celebrates Earth Week 2000

The base celebrated Earth Week last week with a series of events sponsored by the base Environmental Division.

"Participation at Tuesday's chameleon exhibition at the NEX was very good," said Mike Biever, of the environmental division. "Wednesday's beach cleanup and Rota Botanical Garden tree planting ceremony also went well. The strong showing demonstrates that the same spirit making the first Earth Day celebration a success exists within the Rota community," he said.

Earth Day activities were held to raise awareness and provide a way to educate people on environmental issues. "We believe people want to protect the environment, recycle and participate in conservation programs," said Biever.

"People need the opportunity and know-how. Education is required because often, people don't even



Base and Rota city officials and students gathered in Rota to plant a tree. It was one of many Earth Week activities.

know they're polluting or wasting [resources]," he added.

The environmental division will also sponsor America Recycles Day on Nov. 15.

Seabees to revamp local beaches

MS3 Cheryllyn D. McCullough
NMCB One

The Spanish community has requested that NMCB ONE perform a beach reclamation project that will correct problems caused by winter erosion and will prepare the beaches for the upcoming tourist season. "[If we didn't do this] the beaches of Spain would erode, and there would not be a beach to go to during tourist

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This forecast was created on Tuesday. For the latest update, visit nemoc.navy.mil

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SATURDAY	
	Sunny
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FRIDAY	
	Sunny
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SUNDAY	
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THIS WEEK

Spring Baskets Charity

Event! Help raise money for both the Spanish and American Cancer Societies. Come out to the **SPRING BASKETS** event, Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Spanish Residencia de Sub-Oficiales. Tapas, drinks and the opportunity to win a basket! Admission: \$12 or 2,000 ptas.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

with Capt. R.R. Noble, Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, Spain

This week I want to address an assortment of topics. First topic, volunteerism (yes, again). Last week I had the privilege of attending the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Reflections. What a great event. Special thanks to Kathy Arcement and the Family Service Center for putting on the luncheon. I figure that I signed and handed out over 200 certificates of appreciation to many of the volunteers, but that was only a portion of the total volunteers here at the Naval Station. For all of you volunteers who weren't at the luncheon I'd like to express my thanks for selflessly dedicating your valuable time to the variety of worthy causes out there. A few groups that pop into my mind are the Scouts (boys and girls), the many sports activities, church groups, the school, and on and on (I apologize if I missed anyone). At the luncheon I was able to recognize some of you community volunteers, but the

true spirit of the luncheon was to honor all of you.

Second topic, drinking and driving. I know that you are all aware of the hazards associated with this topic...right? It's not a subject that's "under-stressed" these days, but I continue to hear about folks that get in trouble with it. Some of these cases are of blatant foolishness (driving with a BAC of .20 for example); the following comments are not for you dummies! But many are cases where an individual was driving after only having a "few" drinks and truly felt OK to drive.

I have to emphasize this advice: if you drink (any alcohol)...**don't drive**; if you are going to drive...**don't drink**.

If you consider yourself a responsible drinker and therefore would never drive when you are drunk, please readjust your behavior and do not drive at all if you have been drinking, at all. Ask someone else (who hasn't been drinking) to drive, or catch a cab...it's well worth it. Let's avoid the heartache and embarrassment that a DUI will cause both of us.

Third topic, the Easter Eggstravaganza! Although I was watching the weather closely, as I'm sure many of you were, not sure which way it was going to go on Saturday the 22nd, it looks like almost everyone had a good time, and stayed dry! Special recognition goes to Ms. Amy Reinhardt and the folks from MWR for putting on a great time for the kids.

Fourth topic, the Officer and Civilian Spouses Club (OCSC) is hosting the Spring Basket Charity event on April 29th. Perhaps you've seen a few of the sandwich board advertisements around the base? Please support this event, it's a worthy cause. Special thanks to Ms. Kim Diaz for organizing it.

Finally, as the days are getting a bit warmer I want to encourage you to always keep safety in mind. It pains me (but not as much as it pains you) to see folks hobbling around as a result of injuries. Rota offers some great opportunities to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Let's just remember to work and play safely.

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tions and a coupon for Baskin Robbins. The 40 people nominated in the Volunteer of the Year and Helping Hand of the Year award categories also received an NEX coupon book and the four winners of those categories also received an NEX gift certificate for \$25.

Commands and departments are always seeking qualified volunteers, said Arcement. "The job skills needed vary depending on where the volunteer wants to work," said Arcement. "Administrative and clerical skills are always needed," she said.

People interested in volunteering should contact Arcement at the Navy Family Service Center, extension 3232.

SEABEES continued from cover

season," said EO1(SCW) John DeSarro, project job supervisor.

The Seabees of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE, in Rota on deployment from Gulfport, Mississippi, are slated to excavate the beaches of Rota, Chipiona and El Puerto de Santa Maria starting Tuesday. The project is expected to last one month.

The Seabees will take sand from surf at low tide and will spread it throughout the beaches, covering approximately five million cubic yards.

A 12-person crew is scheduled to work seven days a week on the project. However, a schedule to give crewmembers time off during the project has not been fully worked out.

Not only will the project help

the local communities, but it will also help the Seabees. They will get the training needed to run scrapers, bulldozers and front-end loaders. "The scrapers aren't used that often," said DeSarro. "It gives the crew a chance to train on it. It also gives the younger crewmembers a chance to train on the dozers and loaders."

This project not only gives the crewmembers more experience and training but it also gives the younger crewmembers a better understanding of what they do for the Seabees.

The Seabees are the United States Navy's construction force. They were established in 1942 to build and protect construction projects during World War II. That's why the Seabee motto is "We build, We fight."



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MWR 'Egg'stravaganza!

MWR's BIG Easter 'Egg'stravaganza egg hunt was held Saturday at Seaview Pines. The event drew in kids aged 2 - 12 to hunt for hidden, and not-so-hidden eggs and candies. Children also played games at the park and were entertained with storytelling. Amy Reinhardt, Teen Coordinator at 'The Edge' Youth Center, coordinated the event.

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Norfolk runway closes for repairs; Passengers to be diverted

AMC aircraft traffic from Naval Station, Rota, including the Patriot Express, and other locations going to Norfolk will be diverted starting Friday. Beginning at 10 a.m., AMC aircraft will operate from Langley Air Force Base.

Chambers Field runway at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, is scheduled for mandatory repairs Monday and should last for about 45-90 days. The available runway will be insufficient for take-off and landing of most passenger and cargo aircraft. During these repairs, the Navy/AMC Norfolk Air Terminal will remain open for business, at its current location, with only minor procedural changes.

Check-in of passengers and processing of cargo will remain at the Norfolk Air Terminal in Norfolk. For passengers, shippers, and all users of the defense transportation system, there is no

change to current procedures. Passengers departing from the Norfolk Air Terminal will continue to check in at the air terminal in Norfolk, at the same location and with procedures that currently exist.

The Norfolk Air Terminal will arrange for shuttle transportation from Norfolk to Langley AFB via commercial contract busses to meet the aircraft at Langley. The time required for this shuttle and Norfolk tunnel traffic will unfortunately necessitate check-in four hours prior to flight departure. For arriving passengers, the Norfolk Air Terminal will provide shuttle busses to either the Norfolk Air Terminal or to Norfolk International Airport.

For passengers PCSing or traveling Space-A from Rota to Norfolk on the Patriot Express or Navy/AMC flights, there will be no difference in the check-in pro-



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Passengers in Rota board the 'Patriot Express' flight bound for Norfolk. Air traffic will be diverted to Langley Air Force Base tomorrow for up to 90 days.

cedures here. The changes will be when you land at Langley. Once you clear Customs with all your luggage, you have a few choices to make: (1) Terminate right there in Langley, and proceed with your own transportation, (2) Take the shuttle provided by the Norfolk Air Terminal to the Norfolk Air Terminal, or (3) Take the shuttle provided by the Norfolk Air Terminal to the Norfolk International Airport.

If you'd like to sign up

for Space-A travel to/from Norfolk, you can do so via their web page at <http://www.airterminal.navy.mil/spacea.htm>.

For Space-A sign up here in Rota, send the air terminal an e-mail to <spacea@navstarota.navy.mil>. For more information on passenger transportation at the Norfolk Air Terminal, please call (757) 444-4118/4148/3947 (DSN 564), or contact the Rota Air Terminal at ext. 2411 or 2171.

May designated 'Active Duty' dental health month

The dental clinic has named May "Active Duty Health Month" and have opened all their appointments in May to active duty military members.

"One of the most frustrating aspects of military life is the inaccessibility of cleaning appointments," said Lt. Cmdr. Brent Neubauer, of the dental clinic. "Often, the clinic has no available appointments when you call, or obligations at work take precedence over dental appointments. We've decided to use May to address this issue," he said.

Any active duty member who has not received a cleaning in the past six months to a year will be eligible to schedule an appointment for May. "By focusing on active duty members, we are striving to attain three

goals. First, our active duty members will be dentally healthier. Second, eligible family members will have greater access to cleanings during the summer months. Third, access for biannual cleanings will improve," said Neubauer.

Active duty cleanings will be scheduled by phone and by dental staff members who will be visiting work sites to make appointments in person.

"The staff here is dedicated to maintaining optimal dental health for all active duty and eligible family members," said Neubauer.

"In addition to the increased accessibility of cleanings for active duty service members, emergency treatment and routine general dentistry treatment is available to beneficiaries throughout May."

Voice your view on homosexual harassment

DoD officials want to know how you would solve the problem of homosexual harassment in the military. An interservice working group seeks written comments from the general public. The deadline is May 8.

In response to a DoD inspector general report released March 24, the Defense Secretary set up the group to prepare an action plan to combat harassment. Written comments can be faxed to 703-697-6455, or sent to: AFPAZ, ATTN: Col. Steven J. Lepper, 1670 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC, 20330-1670.

Letters of Commendation Add up

The Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. N. R. Ryan, Jr., announced Tuesday a change to the advancement manual, that will affect the awards points for Sailors going up for advancement.

NAVADMIN 102/00 announces an immediate change by adding letters of com-

mendation signed by senior executive service (SES) officers to the list of awards for which final multiple score (FMS) points may be awarded.

The change is for note 2.a of paragraph 418 of the manual. See the NAVAMIN for more details.

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Special domestic violence unit established in Rota

NCIS
Public Affairs

A new investigative unit established by the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigation Service to combat a worldwide problem – domestic violence – has been established at Rota.

According to NCIS Special Agent Matthew Campbell, the Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) will tackle local cases of family violence to include spouse and child abuse, indecent assault, sex abuse, or any related crimes affecting Naval Station Rota, Spain, and all tenant commands.

The unit, comprised of both investigative and social service components, was established in cooperation with several local agencies.

"The DVU is a multi-disciplinary/multi-agency organization established to address family violence and domestic abuse," Campbell said. "We have a committee made up of representatives from the hospital, Family Advocacy, Security Department, Staff Judge Advocate's Office and other groups, to help families suffering from domestic violence."

"The need for a domestic violence unit is a reflection of today's society worldwide," said Campbell. "In the states, local civilian authorities help provide resources for dealing with domestic violence. Here, the NCIS, Security, the Chaplin's Office, and Family Advocacy exclusively helps American military service

members with these kinds of problems."

The DVU is comprised of one full-time NCIS special agent and one full-time master-at-arms investigator from Security. The family Advocacy Representative, Renee O'Brien, states, "The Family Advocacy Program provides clinical social workers with expertise in the area of family violence. These social workers provide advice and guidance to the investigators, as well as safety assessment and intervention to the families." The hospital provides medical assistance and guidance to the DVU. Security is often the first responder to a domestic situation, often has to take immediate action, and notifies the DVU of the incident.

The Staff Judge Advocate's Office lends a hand through legal guidance in addressing domestic violence issues. Naval Station Deputy Staff Advocate, Lt Colleen Glaser-Allen, agrees the team concept is essential to the DVU. "The SJA office's role is to provide legal advice to Naval Station Security and to work with the DVU committee to hold military members accountable for their actions in these cases."

"We all work together. We all have flow charts and checklists to follow in contacting other agencies in the event we are called to investigate a case," Campbell said. "We conduct investigations keeping in mind the concerns and considerations of the military family af-

fects."

In a recent Naval Message for the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Washington DC, commands were strongly encouraged to utilize the expertise of the domestic violence units when presented with domestic violence situations. According to the CNO, "Preventing domestic violence, it's everyone's duty."

If you witness a crime or want to report suspicious activity, call the CRIMEWATCH HOTLINE at 626-46631, (39) 081-568-4631, or crimewatch@ncis.navy.mil. You can also contact NCIS locally by dialing 2902 or 956-82-2902.

The Family Advocacy Program can be reached at 3232 or 956-82-2902.

No one immune to becoming a victim of Sexual Assault

Amy Monteiro
NFSC

Sexual assault/rape crisis centers got their start in the 1970's. However, sexual assaults have occurred for thousands of years.

The roots and traditions of sexual assaults have many forms. Sexual assault is not an isolated event that happens to a few individuals. It is imposed upon millions of people.

In the ancient civilizations of the world, women were the property of their fathers and later in life of

their husbands. The English word rape is derived from the Latin rapere which means to steal, seize or carry away. This was a very old means by which a man obtained a wife.

The practice of treating women as property and raping them became a part of U.S. history during slavery.

In most times and places, rape has been a weapon of war.

The rape of men also has historical roots. In some societies the rape of a defeated male enemy was common.

Gang rape of a man was also considered an ultimate form of punishment for the Romans and Persians.

Today over 13,000 males a year are raped outside of prison walls.

Statistics report that there is a rape in the United States every one to two minutes.

Over one million people per year are victims of sexual assault or rape. 90% of the victims are female and 10% are male.

The average age group is 12-34. Unfortunately 9 out of every 10 incidents are

never reported. Rape and sexual assaults occur in all parts of society and no one is immune to becoming a victim. It is crucial that society take preventive measures.

There are some things that you can do to minimize your chances of being assaulted

1. *Set sexual limits and boundaries. Communicate, clarify and don't give mixed messages.*

2. *Alcohol is often a factor in sexual assaults. Alcohol*

compromises your ability to make responsible choices.

3. *Avoid secluded places.*

Use caution in public, your home and your vehicle. If things start to get out of hand or are unsafe, be loud in protesting, leave and go for help.

Trust your gut feelings. Rape and sexual assaults transpire in many forms.

Date and acquaintance assaults are very common. Marital rape and male sexual assaults are less likely to ever be reported.

Sexual assaults in the military have hit the headlines on numerous occasions.

In recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month it is critical that we all be aware.

Trained SAVI Advocates are on call 24 hours a day to provide support to victims of sexual assault.

For further information, call the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Coordinator at the Navy Family Service Center, extension 3232.

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Rota Hospital supports Space Shuttle mission

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"Houston, we have liftoff...of the Space Shuttle Atlantis." It's these words that once again propel the U.S. space program into yet another chapter.

Wednesday's scheduled launch of Mission STS-101 with six U.S. astronauts and one Russian Cosmonaut was a mission to provide the International Space Station with new supplies, including needed batteries and a broken antenna system.

But what if something goes wrong? It's hard to forget the explosion of the Challenger less than two minutes after liftoff in January 1986.

What if there was engine failure? What does the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) do when there is a problem?

There are a host of people standing by ready to assist with such a problem, including the medical staff from Naval Station, Rota.

It's their job to pre-stage themselves at Moron Air Base, about 80 miles from Rota, which is one of four trans-Atlantic abort landing (TAL) sites in the world.

The other sites are Zaragoza, Spain; Benguerir, Morocco; and Banjul, Gambia.

It's the medical team's job from Rota to standby for each flight prepared to provide medical



HM2 Yvette Yeager and Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Paulding, from the Rota Naval Hospital, practice medical drills prior to the scheduled launch of the Space Shuttle. Medical teams from the Hospital mobilize for every shuttle launch in case the shuttle has to abort its mission and return to Earth immediately.

assistance to the astronauts in case of an aborted flight and the shuttle needs to land in Moron.

Lt. Cmdr. Lynn Flowers, the director of the Space Shuttle Support Team from Rota, says it's a great opportunity for the Hospital to work with NASA and really be a part of history with the space shuttle missions.

It's medical support that could potentially be critical to the astronaut's lives in the case of an aborted

mission.

"NASA establishes certain criteria for us," Flowers said. "All the corpsmen have to be Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certified, and the astronauts require one EMT each, along with one trauma trained physician for four astronauts."

Two nurses also accompany the medical team, although not required by NASA, but it's a service the Hospital provides as well.

The procedures are similar to what the nearly 20-person medical team goes through when they perform a mass casualty drill or trauma assessment. But they say it's a bit more exciting.

"It makes me feel very good to be involved in this type of event," said HN Phonthip Manivanh, an EMT whose primary job would be to assess an astronaut's condition once cleared through decontamination.

Medical Drill

While the shuttle was scheduled to launch Monday evening, the hospital medical team prepared a mock trauma scene in order to simulate a real disaster in case of a landing at Moron and injuries are sustained. The training looks good on paper, and according to Flowers, it's not until you actually conduct it that you can work out any bugs in the system, or be able to see any areas that need improving.

About four hours before the scheduled launch on Monday, the medical team "treated" the injured in a simulated drill just as though it were the real thing.

HM2 Yvette Yeager, whose normal job at the Hospital is in the Surgery Clinic, says the training evolution gives the team the experience they need. "The training builds our confidence level, as well as our skills and knowledge to do things faster and better." She is one of the seven EMT's on the team.

HM3 Thaddeus Estacio is also an EMT. Just five years ago, he left San Diego for the Navy, and sees his role in this real-world mission as a "big thing and nice experience," while working with the shuttle mission crew and the people at Moron. Estacio's patient in the drill had a lump in his neck, weakness in his arms, and no sensation from the waist down. "Possible spinal injury...Med Code One," he notes.

Medical staff observed the mock

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trauma drill in order to evaluate weak and strong spots, and being ready for the unexpected are what the corpsmen, doctors, and nurses train for.

"Overall, the crew did a great job," said Lt. Rebecca Carlin, Rota Hospital flight surgeon, and observer for the training.

"I feel very comfortable that if the shuttle did come and land here, the training that we do regularly would enable this team to do an outstanding job," said Flowers.

What can go wrong?

While no space shuttle flight has

ever had to use one of the TAL sites, having these locations available for a contingency is crucial to the launch, says Lt. Cmdr. Alan Poindexter, an astronaut with NASA. He says the sites like Moron are similar to an insurance policy. It's there in case you need it.

What if?

Poindexter says that if there is a problem in the first few minutes of the flight, the shuttle could go back to Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where it was launched. But as the launch progresses, from about four min-

utes to eight minutes, he says aborting the mission could mean landing at one of the TAL sites.

By the eight-minute mark, the shuttle has accelerated to about 17,000 miles per hour. The thrust of the shuttle engines is more powerful than 35 jumbo jets at takeoff, and timing is of great concern.

In the case of engine failure during the four-minute span, the flight director at Mission Control in Houston would tell the shuttle crew to abort, when according to Poindexter, the shuttle would climb to 250,000 feet, turn off the external tank, then glide to Europe.

That's when the site such as Moron would come into play with the Rota medical team standing by

to provide any treatment to the astronauts. The runway at Moron is fully lit just like the runway at Kennedy Space Center. Poindexter says the process from mission abort to landing at Moron would take about 30 minutes.

Once on the ground at Moron, a crew from the base, consisting of Americans and Spanish working together, would ensure the shuttle isn't leaking anything and free of anything toxic. Once the shuttle is cleared, the astronauts would clear decontamination, and then proceed to the care of the medical staff.

Teamwork

Working as a team is the pri-

mary goal of Lt. Col. J. C. Crownover, the 496th Air Base Squadron Commander at Moron. While Americans and Spanish from the base are working the shuttle recovery, it's the support from the Rota Hospital that's vital, he said.

"It couldn't be a contingency site without the medical support from Rota."

Also, Rota provides weather support from the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center (NEMOC) and flight support from the C-12 crews of Rota during the shuttle missions.

Increased Shuttle Support

This week's launch of the Atlantis shuttle was postponed earlier in the week because of high winds at the launch site, but the training gave the Rota Hospital staff the experience and confidence they need in order to do their job better. It's a role that should be increasing, according to Poindexter. "Once we have the space station with a continuous presence (as early as this Fall), there may be up to six or eight flights a year." The next shuttle launch is scheduled for later this summer.

The Rota Hospital staff says they will be ready...ready for the unexpected, just in case the shuttle has to abort the mission and land at Moron. It's a job they train for, and as Estacio says, it's a job they need to do fast and do well. "Lives are at stake."



The team must wait until the shuttle either launches safely or the launch is scrubbed. HN Phonthip Manivanh waits for the launch.



HA Justin Weigel and Lt. Rhonda Stell 'stabilize' a victim during the drill. Each 'astronaut' victim is assigned one Emergency Medical Technician.

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Announcements

Would you like to enrich your marriage or prepare for marriage? Then register for the **Marriage Enrichment Workshop**, to be held 2-3 May at the Chapel. Learn how to spot danger signs, improve communication, resolve problems and keep fun, friendship and romance in the relationship. Call 2161.

Youth Ministry and Super Sunday Nights Resume: Super Sunday Nights, the Chapel children's ministry for ages 4 through grade 6, will resume this Sunday evening from 6 to 7:50 p.m. in 200-204 at DGF. Youth Group for grades 7-12 will also meet from 6 - 8 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at JAMS.

A couple comes to the chaplain on Friday afternoon. "Chaplain, we want to get married, and we'd like you to marry us."

"Congratulations," he answers. "Have you set a date?"

"As a matter of fact, we'd like to get married right now."

"I can't marry you on the spot. You need some pre-marital counseling, and a license and all these things take time."

"Well, if you can't marry us, would you at least say a few good words to get us through the weekend?"

Don't laugh! I just read that France has passed a bill which allows temporary unions. Chaplains can "try it out" and have the privileges of marriage without the ob-

CHAPLINE

by Chap Steve Beyer

ligations. Is this really for better, or for worse?

When I ask couples what they value most in marriage, I almost always hear the same answer: commitment. The certainty that "I'm going to be here through thick and thin. For better or for worse."

Marriage has its ups and downs. No two ways about it. But when husband and wife make marriage a life-long commitment, it helps to smooth the bumps along the way.

Do you have a suggestion, comment or good story for Chapline? Email it to Chaplines@excite.com

Worship Schedule

Apr. 29
1800 RC Mass

Apr. 30
0900 RC Mass
Prot SS @ DGF
1030 Contemporary
Prot Worship
RC CCD @ DGF
Noon RC Mass
1330 Gospel Fellowship
Service
Church of Christ
(Chapel Hall)

May 3
1900 Prot Communion
Service

May 5
1900 Jewish Shabbat
Service (Chapel
Hall)

This week I'd like to answer one of the most asked questions that I ever receive, that is "what kind of computer should I buy?"

I hate answering questions with other questions, but in this case it's necessary. I usually have to ask about four or five questions to help draw out the answer.

Keep in mind that there is no one generic "correct" answer. The computer that you buy should be tailored to your needs. No more, no less.

Here are some of the questions that I ask: (1) what can you afford to spend - cash; (2) what are you going to do with it, generally?; (3) who is going to use it?; (4) related to 2) will you work with large graphic files or digital photography?; and (5) in the future, what will you do with it?

I do not recommend buying computers on any kind of credit. That's rule number 1. Why, because *Moore's law* states that com-

puter technology DOUBLES every 18 months. In fact, a recent study showed that computer technology was doubling every 15 months (Moore is the co-founder of Intel and he's a pretty smart guy), so by the time you pay off a computer you bought on credit, it will be obsolete. That includes home layaway as well. Why, because the NEX will not allow you to return a computer you bought on home layaway. Next, I don't recommend chasing technology or waiting for the next, best, fastest chip to appear. If you need a computer, buy it now (but after you've done your research homework and have saved the CASH). It makes a huge difference as to what kind of bells and whistles you NEED, depending on how you will use it. Just want something to surf the net and do e-mail? Fine - how about a 266mhz, Pentium II, 2GB hard drive,



64MGs RAM, modem, sound card (for those ever pesky Blue Mountain Greeting Cards), 17" monitor and speakers. The price for a basic system like that is very cheap - peanuts in fact. Are you a budding graphic artist or have a kid that is interested in video capture - making movies - digital camera nut producing really cool photographs. Then the system you need could be a double processor 750mhz, 30GB hard drive, 256MG RAM, 21" monitor - just a really huge system, but the price is really huge as well - could be as much as \$4,000. Then there is every system and corresponding price in-between. Choices, choices, choices.

The next most asked question is where should I buy it. I have purchased my last four computers through the NEX/PX systems. I am sorry to write that I probably won't do that again and it's not just because I am technically capable enough to assemble my own from spare parts. It's because one has to buy what they have on the shelf, not what one really wants or needs. I also don't recommend that it's right for everyone to have a computer custom assembled. So what's a fairly novice computer person to do? Ask around! Ask everyone you know. Don't take anyone's answer as the one true answer. There is so much information out in the world on computers that it is crazy to just accept one person's opinion. Do more research than you did when you bought your last car, but unlike your car, care what's on the inside, not just how pretty it looks or who made it. Like cars, some famous named computer companies manufacture junk, don't sup-

port their handiwork or have specially made components - proprietary - that are difficult, expensive or impossible to change or upgrade. I will stay away from those guys and go with smaller companies that use quality and known labels and have a reliable, proven delivery track record.

If you have a computer already, don't throw it away. You may get by with upgrading its components. There is a magazine devoted to that called *PCUpgrade*. The editors take a step-by-step approach to completely rebuilding, assembling or upgrading computers and their various components. I think it is an excellent magazine.

One last tip. The simplest, easiest way to upgrade any computer is to add more RAM.

That's all there is for this week. Happy computing!

Send your questions to: questions@vista-sun-technology.com

Spring Job Fair

Register now through 8 May for the upcoming JOB FAIR scheduled for 16-18 May. To pre-register contact Military Overseas Recruiting Events, Inc. Website: www.more-web.com.

Parents and Tots

Come share your ideas with other parents and have fun with your child at the same time. This group, for parents with children (birth to 4 years), is held every Wednesday from 1030-1230 in room 201, DGF School.

Creative Resume

3 May, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. A good resume is of key importance in the job search process. This workshop teaches you the basics of writing a resume. Learn which format best describes your skills and helps you stand out from the rest.

Parents Support Group

Living in Rota presents unique challenges to most of us since our extended fam-

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ily support isn't close by. Come to the Parent Support Group Tuesday, 2 May, to share parenting ideas, meet others in similar situations, gain information related to developmental, health, and safety needs of your child, and more! Join us every first Tuesday of each month from 5:15-7:00.

Interview Skills

2 May, 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Most interviews only last about one hour. That's right this could be the most important 60 minutes of your job search process. To help you prepare and feel relaxed for an interview, attend this workshop to increase your chances of impressing employers.

Powerful Parenting

Exploring the developmental stages of your child up to age 4. 11, 18 and 25 May, 10:00-12:00

Sponsor Training

4 March, 9:30-11:30 NFSC Sponsor Training classes provide helpful information on planning a positive overseas transition. If you've been assigned sponsor duty, don't miss this class. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

Parent Support Program

New Parent Support Program is offering a class on developmental stages of your young child from ages 1 through 4 years. Join us in learning positive discipline skills and more! Classes will be on Thursdays, from 10:00-12:00 beginning 16 March for 3 weeks. Only 16 seats available

For more information contact the Navy Family Service Center at 3232.

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COASTLINE CALENDAR

April 27, 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL / MAY Month of the Military Child Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month For all Feria Schedules, call Community Relations at ext. 2813				27 ITT Trip, Ubrique Leather Shopping, call 3101 Bone Marrow Drive, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., NEX Breezeway (Main Store) DGF H.S. Registration, call 4698 TAP Seminar for Separates, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., call 3232	28 Car Wash, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., PSD Parking Lot Applying for Federal Employment (NFSC), 9 - 11 a.m., call 3232 TAP Seminar for Separates, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 3232	29 ITT Trip, Gibraltar Rock call 3101 Girl Scout Outdoor Skills Day, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., call 4919 or 4410 OCSC Spring Basket Charity Event, 7 - 10 p.m., Spanish Residencia de Sub-Oficiales, call 82-4116
30 ITT Trip, Cota Donana Park, call 3101 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161 Youth Ministry and Super Sunday Nights start again, call 2161	1 Labor Day (Spain) Uniform Switch to Whites July 4th Caseta Managers Meeting, 3 p.m., Reflections	2 Education Fair, NEMOC, 10 a.m. - noon, call 2625 Marriage Enrichment Workshop, May 2-3, call 2161 Fashion Extravaganza, Reflections Ballroom, 6 p.m., call 2333	3 ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101 Marriage Enrichment Workshop, May 2-3, call 2161 Parents & Tots at NFSC, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232	4 ITT Trip, Gibraltar shopping, call 3101 Tune in to HOT 102.5 FM for base news and information.	5 5K Run, Fitness Center, 11:30 a.m., call 3350 July 4th Committee Meets, 3 p.m., Reflections SOY Recognition Dinner, Navy League, 7:30 p.m., Hotel Duque, call 956-85-7325 or 1680	6 DGF SAT Testing Adoptions Options meets, 11 a.m., Hospital Galley, call 956-84-1886 Dynamic Dualathlon, 9 a.m., Fitness Center, call 2563
7 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161 Check out Youth Ministry and Super Sunday Nights, call 2161	8 V-E Day Teacher Appreciation Week this week Support the DGF Scholarship Fund, call 3075 or 4698	9 National Teachers Day DGF AP Exam Week ITT Trip, Jerez Horse Show Bodega & Museum, call 3101	10 Spring Fair, Rota, (until May 14), call 2813 ITT Trip, Ubrique Leather Shopping, call 3101 DGF Elem. Registration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Parent Conn., call 4185	11 ITT Trip, Sevilla Historical, call 3101 DGF Elem. Registration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Parent Conn., call 4185	12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day Mother's Day 5K Run, noon, Fitness Center, call 2563 DGF Elem. Registration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Parent Conn., call 4185	13 Military Spouse Appreciation Day ITT Trip, Gibraltar Rock Tour, call 3101
14 ITT Trip, Ronda, call 3101 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD - last class - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161 (LAST DAY) Remember Mom - Happy Mother's Day!!!	15 Horse Fair, Jerez, (May 14 - 21), call 2813 Want to explore Spain? Call ITT at 3101	16 Job Fair begins, May 16 - 18, Reflections ITT Trip, Cadiz Historical, call 3101	17 ITT Trip, Gibraltar Shopping, call 3101 DGF H.S. SAC, 4 p.m., School Library Parents & Tots at NFSC, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232	18 Smooth Move, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232 Joint Advisory Board Meeting, 9:15 a.m., Chapel ITT Trip, Sevilla Shopping Trip, call 3101 "Night of January 16th" Play by RLT, 8 p.m. (May 18 - 21), call 4662	19 DRMO Sale, 9 a.m. - noon D.A.R.E. Graduation, call 4185 ITT Trip, Jerez Horse Gala & Feria, call 3101 Expectant Dads Lunch, NFSC, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232	20 Armed Forces Day ITT Trip, Granada Historical, call 3101 DGF Jr./Sr. Prom, call 4181
21 ITT Trip, Caves of Nerja, call 3101	22 Single? Check out MWR's Liberty Program, call 2527	23 ITT Trip, Jerez Horse Show, Bodega & Bullfighters Museum, call 3101 DGF Elem. SAC, 3:30 p.m., Parent Conn., call 4185	24 ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101 Parents & Tots at NFSC, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232 TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., call 3232	25 ITT Trip, Ronda, call 3101 Childproofing your Home, at NFSC, 10 - 11:30 a.m., call 3232 Spring Fair, El Puerto (until May 29), call 2813 TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., call 3232	26 ITT Trip, Evening Bodega/Flamenco Show call 3101 TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 - 11 a.m., call 3232	27 Tune in to HOT 102.5 FM for base news and information. Want to explore Spain? Call ITT at 3101

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The Roman Glory of Mérida

Story and photos by JOC Jon McMillan

If you ignore the guidebooks and enter Mérida from the North – instead of the recommended West, on the new suspension bridge that runs parallel to the old Roman bridge – you'll immediately get a sense for what this ancient city is and is not.

First, this is not a beautiful city with a charm of its own. There are maybe two streets and one plaza that could enter a charm contest and they'd probably lose. Lose big. But, the good news is Mérida has Roman ruins that rival some of those in Rome.

No. You didn't misread that. There are Roman ruins just three hours north of the base that rival those in Rome. The amphitheater, aqueduct, and theater are all in great shape. While there is no site quite like Herculaneum or Pompeii, if you want to see a great collection of Roman sites in Spain, Mérida is one of the best places to go.

So, as I was saying before, I ignored the tour guides and came in through the West and traveled through a new neighborhood dwelling that looked, unsurprisingly, quite a lot like all the new neighborhood dwellings sprouting up here. But, just a bit past these new homes a giant, well-preserved aqueduct sprouts up from a green, flower-filled field.

This is what Mérida offers: great views of Roman ruins that aren't really so ruined. The fun part about visiting this town though isn't just seeing the ruins... it's finding them. All the guides and maps I got from the tourist offices were only in Spanish so bring your Spanish to English dictionary.

Some of the "easy to find" sites were hard to find. I never "found" the entrance to the "House of the Anti-Theater" even though it was

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Temple of Diana in downtown Mérida..



Aqueduct of the Milagros on the West side of town..

How to get there:

Take the NIV to Sevilla. Cross over the new bridge there. There will be signs directing you to Mérida. It's on the SE-30 highway. In good traffic, a drive to Mérida usually takes about 3 hours.

Vista

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clearly marked on the map, but I did get to peep through a vine-filled fence and peer inside to see a tour guide guiding a tour there. Most of the sites, though, were located where the map said they'd be, but were spread throughout the city.

The guides recommend visiting at least 20 sites ranging from the Arch of Trajano to the National Roman Art Museum. Almost all of the main sites are Roman-orientated – Mérida was once called Emerita and was the Roman capital of the province of Lusitania and was one of the most important cities in Spain. Some of the other interesting sites in Mérida are Visigothic in nature.

One of the most interesting sites is the Alcazaba – the Moorish castle built on the banks of the river Guadiana right next to the Roman bridge and ancient entrance to the city. This place is interesting even though the inside looks more like a junkyard than a museum. The outside of this Moorish castle looks Roman because the Moors raided and robbed many of the ruins to provide materials for their Alcazaba. Inside the castle are stacks of murals, columns from

fallen buildings and miscellaneous items dug up from somewhere around the city. The view from the Alcazaba walls is the best one you'll find of both the ancient Roman bridge and the ultra-modern suspension bridge. It's worth a visit.

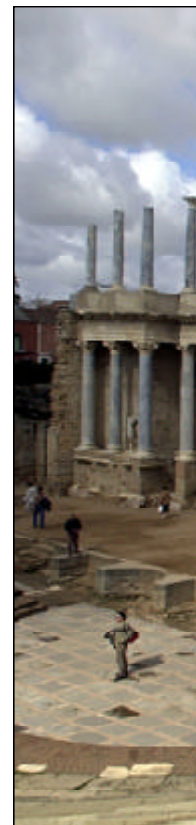
We spent about five hours touring different sites in Mérida and didn't get to see everything. Although the drive is a little long, three to four hours depending on traffic, this town could be a day trip if you wake up early and don't mind getting home late.

Signs to Mérida are plentiful – just start following them after you hit Sevilla. The road from Sevilla to Mérida [N630] is a mostly two-lane highway that goes through the enormously beautiful Sierra Morena. This time of year the green fields are splattered with patches of yellow and violet flowers. The drive itself to Mérida is worth the trip.

So, even though Mérida has nothing enchanting beyond its Roman ruins [and that great Moorish castle] the trip there and the ruins make this town a must to see while stationed here.



Alcazaba with one Moorish-style facade and Roman block walls.



Roman theater.



View of both the Roman and

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View of both the Roman and new suspension bridge from the Alazaba.



Arco de Trajano.

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Today

Apr. 27

Free Golf Lessons for Kids. If you are 17 and younger you can cash in on the free lessons at the Golf Course. Call ext. 2260 for more information.

Permanent Exhibition "Books and Machines" Biblioteca Municipal Central, Jerez.

Paints Exhibition by Magdalena Murciano. Carmen de la Calle Art Gallery, 1 Medina St., Jerez, through May 6. Hours: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 5:30-9 p.m.

Photographs Exhibition. "The Flamenco Dance: The Estetica del Movimiento" by Juan Salido, Pescaderia Vieja Art Gallery, Lestrados St., Jerez, through May 13.

Photographs Exhibition by Luis Corts. Café Central, 41 Luna St., El Puerto, through April 31.

Paint Exhibition by Manuel Caballero. Milagros Delicado Art Gallery, 3 Diego Niño St., El Puerto, through Apr. 28. Hours: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m.

Paint Exhibition "Landscapes of Light and Color" by Paco Ramos. Hotel Los Cantaros, 6 Curva St., El Puerto, through May 4.

Photographs exhibition by Jose F. Ferrer. Café Pub "Blanco y Negro", 10 Ricardo Alcon St., El Puerto, through April 27. Hours: 5 p.m. to early in the morning.

Paints Exhibition

Paint Exhibition. "Cadiz and the Sea" Palacio Provincial de Cadiz. Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Photographs Exhibition. "Pictures of our country 1999" Sala S. Fernando, 26-27 Ramon de Carranza Ave., Cadiz, through April 30. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5:30-9 p.m.

Paints, Ceramic, Photographs Exhibition by the extinct Lauro Montero at the Cadiz Museum, Plaza de Mina, through May 7. Hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed thru Sat.

Paints Exhibition by Javier Ventura. Cultural Association Preludio, 6 Beato Diego de Cadiz St., Cadiz, through May 14.

Photographs Exhibition, by Manolo Gallego. "Café Dadá", 3 Sevilla Ave., Rota

Piano Concert. Archeologic Museum, Plaza del Mercado, Jerez, 7:45 p.m.

Campos Eliseos Orchestra, director Philippe Herreweghe. Teatro Villamarta, 9 p.m.

Friday

Friday, Apr. 28

Bodega Tonight? Join ITT for this tour of a bodega and enjoy one of the finest flamenco shows in the area. Call ext. 3101 for information.

Jenga Anyone? Liberty program hosts this tournament at noon today. Don't miss out on the fun! Call ext. 2527 for more info.

Dan LaRosa. He's back in Rota for two performances at Reflections. Both tonight and tomorrow, the show begins at 8 p.m. Call ext. 2851 for more information.

2nd International Music Festival.

Ninki Nanka (Senegal). African Music and Dances. I.P. Fernando Quinones, Cadiz. 7:30 p.m.

Violoncello Concert "Boris Andrianov", at Local de Juventudes Musicales, 49 Larga St., Chipiona, 9 p.m.

The Youth Chamber Orchestra of Jerez. Archeologic Museum, Plaza del Mercado, Jerez, 7 p.m.

Movie. "Los Idiotas" of Lars Von Trier (Denmark, 1998) 9 p.m.

Flamenco. "Las Tomasas" Tertulia Flamenca Tomas "El Nitri", 1 Diego Niño, El Puerto, 10:30 p.m.

Jazz. "Javier Denis and the Andalusi Jazz Band", Sala Milwaukee, 10 Avda. Bajamar, El Puerto, 11 p.m.

1st Rota Tapa Fair. Plaza de las

Campos, through May 1.

Saturday

Saturday, Apr. 29

Kids Dance. A spring dance for Creative Kids, ages 6-9 years old. The dance is from noon until 3 p.m. at the Youth Activity Center. Call ext. 4252 for more details.

The Rock. ITT takes you to Gibraltar for some shopping and the tour of "The Rock." See the world-famous Barbary Apes at play. Call ext. 3101 for more info.

BunkoJR. If you enjoy the games, your kids will too. The fun begins at JAMS at 1 p.m. for ages 10-12. Call ext. 4252 for more information.

Glo Bowling. Rota Lanes turns down the lights and turns up the fun at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Your special hats, shoes and bowling balls glow under the special lights. Call ext. 2112.

Karaoke. Sing your way into some cash at the contest that begins at 9 p.m. For more information, call ext. 2851.

2nd International Music Festival. Urbethnic (Spain). Percussion group. I.P. Fernando Quiñones, Cadiz. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Sunday, Apr. 30

Ronda. Travel with ITT and view the gorge and all the natural wonders of this city. Call 3101.

2nd International Music Festival. Neopercusion (Spain). Percussion group. I.P. Fernando Quiñones, Cadiz. 7:30 p.m.

Puppets. The group Magerit from Sevilla presents, "Contrastes" at Alameda del Banco (behind McDonald), Jerez, 1 p.m.

Movie. "El viento nos llevara" of Abbas Kiarostami (Francia-Iran, 1999) 9 p.m.

Concert. Municipal Band at Alameda del Banco (behind McDonald), Jerez, noon.

Market. "Domingos de la Alameda" at Alameda Vieja, noon.

Antique Fair. 22nd National Antique Fair at the Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos, Sevilla, through April 30.

San Isidro Pilgrim. Rota's Fairgrounds.

4th Jerez Flamenco Festival. Through May 13. Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m. Phone: 956-32-9507, Fax: 956-32-9511.

Monday

Monday, May 1.

Ballet of Antonio Canales "Cinderella", Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m. Phone: 956-32-9507, Fax: 956-32-9511.

Tuesday

Tuesday, May 2.

Sevilla Shopping Trip. ITT takes you on a shopping tour of this historical city. Don't miss out on the fun. Call ext. 3101 for more information.

Antonio Marquez Company. "Despues de Carmen" Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m. Phone: 956-32-9507, Fax: 956-32-9511.

Wednesday

Wednesday, May 3.

Medina Sedonia. See the home of the "barefoot nuns. Call ITT at ext. 3101 for more information.

Carmen Cortes Company. "Racial" Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m. Phone: 956-32-9507, Fax: 956-32-9511.

Thursday

Thursday, May 4.

Gibraltar Shopping. Join ITT on this shopping extravaganza on the main streets of Gibraltar. Call MWR's ITT at ext. 3101 for more details.

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Feria!

Most cities and towns in southern Spain will soon host their annual fairs and pilgrim's. Originally, the fairs started as an opportunity to conduct transactions. Ranchers and shepherds made their business on those fairs. The occasion provided an opportunity to have a brake in the daily routine, for the businessmen and their family, so a city of tents and large number of amusement installations came into being for the duration of the fair. Actually, only some towns keep the rural business.

As every year in every town, the "Real" (the fairgrounds) will be

adorned with lights and "farolillos" (paper ornaments) to receive the rides of the horsemen, women, children and carriages with the utmost traditional character. The flamenco dresses will scatter the streets, in the casetas you can dance or sing the typical sevillanas, drinking Finn and manzanilla and eating the most characteristic tapas. Though most of the casetas are private, entrance is often waved upon request.

Véjer Spring Fair. 26 - 30 April
Sevilla April Fair. 30 April - 7 May

Bullfights!

The Sevilla bullfights season started Sunday, April 23. A total of 15 professional bullfights, two of them on horseback and five novice bullfights are included in the Sevilla 2000 bullfighting Season. **Thursday, April 27.** Bulls from Rojas Fernandez ranch for the bullfighters, Curro Romero, Jose Maria Manzanares and Pepe Luis Vazquez.

Friday, April 28. Bulls from Torrestrella ranch for the bullfighters, Emilio Munoz, Manuel Caballero and Manuel Diaz "El Cordobes".

Saturday, April 29. Bulls from Rio Cortes ranch for the bullfight-

ers, "Espartaco", Fco. Rivera Ordóñez and Morante de la Puebla. **Sunday, April 30.** Bulls from Gutierrez Lorenzo ranch for the bullfighters, Curro Romero, Enrique Ponce and Finito de Cordoba.

Monday, May 1. Emilio Munoz, Juan A. Ruiz "Espartaco" and Fco. Rivera Ordóñez.

Tuesday, May 2. Curro Romero, "Espartaco" and Morante de la Puebla.

Wednesday, May 3. Enrique Ponce, Fco. Rivera Ordóñez and Morante de la Puebla.

Thursday, May 4. Juan Mora, Pedrito de Portugal and "El Juli".

One week from today, on May 4th, ships participating in the Gran Regatta 2000, will gather in Cádiz before taking off on the last leg of their journey to the Bermudas. Between May 4th and May 7th, the city's quays will be a resting spot for some of the most spectacular ships ever built - the tall ships used as training vessels. The regatta consists of five different races: 1. Southampton, England to Cádiz, Spain. 2. Genova, Italy to Cádiz, Spain. 3. Cádiz, Spain to the Bermudas. 4. Boston, Massachusetts to Halifax, Nova Scotia. 5. Halifax, Nova Scotia to Amsterdam, Holland. You may want to attend some of the numerous activities that the city of Cádiz has organized to coincide with the visit of the tall ships and it would be thrilling to see so many magnificent vessels up close. Even if you don't want to go to Cádiz, we should be able to see many of the participating ships from this side of the bay. It should be quite a sight!

Restaurante La Cazuela on Avenida de la Marina in Rota, is now open every day from 11 a.m. until midnight.

The **Hotel Monasterio San Miguel** in Puerto de Santa María was awarded the prize as "Best Hotel in Spain" in the convention category in the 4th contest of Hotel Initiatives.

As I mentioned last week, the OCSC is holding its annual **Spring Baskets** event this Saturday, April

29th from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Residencia de Suboficiales. Come on out, have

a good time, win one of the fabulous theme baskets and support the Spanish and American Cancer Societies. Entrance is \$12 or 2,000 pesetas; all proceeds go to the Cancer Societies. Tapas and sangría will be served.

The 1st **Feria de la Tapa** in Rota starts tomorrow and will continue through May 1st. You'll be able to enjoy tapas from 12 to 4 p.m. and from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Plaza de la Cantera at the beach end of Avenida San Fernando. The official inauguration will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday. There will be live music on Friday and Saturday night starting at 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. respectively. A prize to the best tapa will be awarded Monday at 9 p.m. and at 9:30 music will be provided by the Orfeón Virgen de la Escalera from Rota. I think it's a great initiative and it sounds like lots of fun. There will be lots of different things to try as well as traditional tapas. Let's help make it a success. Hope to see you there!

If you need electrical work done on your car, your A/C charged, a sound or alarm system installed, stop by **Taller Peña**. It's located just outside the Rota gate, just off the street Crucero Baleares (where the taxi stand is). Antonio will take good care of you.

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

WITH KAREN LUCAS

Mother's Day (or should I say Mothers' Days) is coming up. I say this because Mother's Day in Spain is May 7th and in the U.S. it's May 14th so those of us who play our cards right should be able to celebrate twice. For the next few weeks we'll be featuring ads from establishments that have great gift ideas. This week we have the lovely store **El Mercadillo**, Antonio Fernández, 4, near Plaza de la Noria. This store has been under new management since just before Christmas and is planning a name change soon. We'll notify our readers as soon as that happens. **El Mercadillo** has beautiful dish sets, glassware, silverware, original kitchen utensils and decorative items. You'll find lots of things Mom will like here, so stop by and take a look. At **Joyería Matías Lebrón** you'll find the best offers in jewelry and watches - things mother will always treasure! You can find **Matías Lebrón** at El Paseo Mall, Continente in Jerez and on Calle Luna in Puerto de Santa María.

Let's hear from you! Share with other readers information about the surrounding area: your favorite spots and shops. Contact me at coastpub@retemail.es, by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

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MEETINGS

July 4th/Casetas

There will be a July 4th caseta managers meeting Monday, May 1, at 3 p.m. in the CPO Club in Reflections. It is important that ALL managers attend to discuss plans for the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration. Call SK1 Reyes at ext. 2193 or CTA1 Adams at ext. 2893 for more info.

July 4th

The 4th of July committee will meet May 5 at 3 p.m. at Reflections.

Sandeman Travel Club

The Sandeman Club Travel Club of VQ-2 is open to all persons in the Rota community who want to get out and enjoy the sites of Spain. If you are interested, call Chris at ext. 4422 or Pam at ext. 4156, or call to find out how you can get involved.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a weight loss support group, meets Monday evenings in the Family Practice Clinic. Weigh in is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting is held

from 7 to 8 p.m. Call Suzanne for details 956-84-0902 or email at suzadale@arconet.es.

Rota Little Theater

The Rota Little Theater invites all who desire the thrill of theater to their next monthly meeting, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Call Kim at 956-81-4119 for more information.

Joint Advisory Board

The Joint Advisory Board (JAB) meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m. at the Chapel. Come hear from base officials, including PSD, Commissary, NEX, MWR, Security, NMCRS, Supply, Housing, and DGF.

NAVSTA Coffee Group

All are invited to attend the NAVSTA coffee May 18 at 7 p.m. The social group is for spouses of Spanish and American officers, GS7s and above, and retired members of the community from all commands. Call Carol Cox in the evening at 956-48-2251 or Louise Mueller at 956-81-0891 for more info.

Retired American Military Iberian Council (RAMIC)

RAMIC will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Spanish Navy Club Suboficiales. All military retirees, widows and widowers, members and non-members of RAMIC are invited.

BUNCO

Spouses of Spanish and American officers and GS7s and above, plus retired members are invited to play BUNCO Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ann Paschket at 956-85-3579 or Louise Mueller at 956-81-0891 for details.

Adoptions Options

The Adoptions Options group meets Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m., in the Hospitals Galley. Anyone interested in any aspect of the adoption process is welcome. Bring a tapa to share if you like. For more info, call Lynsey Ferris at 956-84-1886.

Want your meeting announcement posted here? Email your info to: coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil

Sailors of the Year Honored by Navy League

A dinner to honor Spanish and American Service Members of the Year will be held on Friday, May 5, at the Hotel Duque de Nájera in Rota. The Navy League, Andalucía Council is sponsoring the event. Tickets cost 5,500 pesetas per person, and all the profit after the cost of the meal, approximately 1,000 pesetas will go to charity (Navy Relief, DGF scholarships and Cáritas). Everyone is welcome, and tickets may be purchased at the Baskin Robbins on base at ext. 3143 or from Evaristo Fernandez at 956-85-7325. Also, you can contact the Public Affairs Office at ext. 1680 or 2491.

Spanish Labor Dispute in "Rota Coastline"

If you'd like to find out more about the Spanish labor dispute here in Rota, then check out the special edition of "Rota Coastline," which was published on Feb. 3, 2000. Find out about the tax issue, who it affects, how to respond at the blocked gates, and actions the base can or cannot take. The .pdf edition is located on the base web site at <http://www.rota.navy.mil>. You'll need Acrobat Reader to view the paper, and you can download it for printing. For more information, call. 2491 or 3786.

Safety at Gates

Security and base officials want to remind everyone that maintaining your cool during demonstrations and protests at the gates is important for your safety. When driving to work and you come to a blocked gate, don't provoke the demonstrators. Maintain your composure, be patient, and try to find an alternate route. Base leaders understand if people are a little late for work. Don't let losing your cool cause more problems than it's worth.

National TV-Turn Off Week Events

National TV-Turn Off Week is this week, and there are events for the kids to get them away from the tube. Thursday, there will be a Family Fun Night at DGF and Creative Kids at JAMS. Friday, there will be a Walk around the school night at DGF. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be a children's movie shown. Each day, the base library is open, and there will be recreational swimming at the Aquatic Center. Call the Elementary school at 4185, 4180 or 4218 for more info.

Thrift Store

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store (in Bldg. 575) is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. All T.E.I. (Spanish ID) cardholders are welcome to shop. Come in and check out the bargains.

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DRMO Sale

DRMO will hold a 'cash and carry sale' Friday, May 19, from 9 – noon, in bldg 186. There will be no preview of sale items and no official screening two days prior to the sale. All items must be paid for in cash and removed by noon the day of the sale. The sale is open to Americans with TEI ID cards and Spanish nationals authorized to shop. Call ext. 3259 for more info.

Summer Camp 2000 Registration

Registration is ongoing for the Summer Camp 2000. Bring in your current LES or pay stub, and the cost is based on a sliding scale fee. Call ext. 4252 for more info.

OCSC Tapa Time

OCSC will have Tapa Time at 7 p.m. Friday at the Spanish Officer's Residencia.. Call Alda at 82-4116 or Kim at 48-0046.

OCSC Gears up for Spring Basket Charity Event

The Officers and Civilian Spouses' Club is hosting its annual Spring Baskets Charity Event on Saturday from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Spanish Residencia de Sub-Oficiales. Admission is to the event is \$12 or 2000 pesetas, and the admission gets you eight chances to win prizes. All hands welcome. Proceeds from this charity fundraising event will benefit the American and Spanish Cancer Societies. For more information call Alda Tomasic at 82-4116 or Kim Diaz at 48-0046.

Girl Scouts Hold Outdoor Skills Day

The Girl Scouts of Rota will hold an outdoor skills day at Camp Colon (Columbus) Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brownie, Junior and

Cadette Girl Scouts will learn and practice outdoor skills in preparation for camping. Sessions in first aid, fire building and safety, knots and lashing, dressing and packing and more will be given. Call Tuane Litchten-Pifer at 956-82-4919 for more info.

Rota Little Theater Presents "Night of January 16"

The Rota Little Theater will perform the play "Night of January 16", at 8 p.m. each night on May 18 – 21.

Don't miss this courtroom drama where members of the audience are picked to be on the jury. Each night could have a different ending based on the jury's verdict. The show will take place at the Sea View Pines Amphitheater. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call Amy at ext. 4662 for more info.

EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**Chief George Waller Scholarship Fund**

VQ-2 is offering (3) \$500 scholarships for dependents of VQ-2. The deadline for applying is May 15. Applications are available at VQ-2. Call Maryanne at 4288.

DGF Scholarship Fund

Help make a difference for the Rota community by supporting the scholarship fund. Call 4698.

Education Fair

NEMOC's training department is sponsoring an "Education Fair" Tuesday from 10 a.m. – noon. Each of the colleges on the base and the Navy College Learning Center from the Navy College Office will be present to provide info on the school's program and allow Sailors the opportunity to ask questions. Call 2625.

Elementary School Registration

Registration for new and returning DGF Elementary students will be held May 10 – 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parent Connection Room. There are specific requirements and documents needed. Call 4185 for more information.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8 – 12 is designated Teacher Appreciation Week, and DGF Elementary School is sponsoring events for the week. A special event is planned each day. Monday, bring pastries and snacks all day in the Parent Connection Room; Tuesday, each student is being asked to bring two flowers to school; Wednesday, an apple for the teacher; Thursday, "Hugs and Kisses" for the teacher (chocolate); and Friday, students and parents are being asked to write 'thank you' letters to the teachers. Call 4134.

RCC classes

Rota Community College is offering a dozen classes for the upcoming semester, including Spanish Cooking, Sevillana Dancing, and Beginning Spanish. Registration is April 24 – May 4 for the term from May 8 – June 1. Call 2913.

NCLC: Here for you

The Navy College Learning Center is open Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Learning Center has a variety of free work skills and academic classes.

EMPLOYMENT**HRO**

Family Child Care Director, GS-09, CLOSSES: 01 May 00. You may apply at HRO, Bldg. 52.

MWR

Graphic Illustrator
Photo Journalist
Graphic Designer
Program Assistant

Publicity
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MWR, continued

Bartender on-call
Cashier
Dinning Room Cashier
Club Operations Aide
Booth Cashier
Delivery Driver/Cashier/Checker

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Customer Service Clerk, NF-01 "Flexible", Appliance Repair
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GATEWAY AUDITORIUM

Today

6 p.m. Drowning Mona (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. The Whole Nine Yards(R)

Friday

7 p.m. The Cider House
Rules (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. The Whole Nine Yards (R)
Midnight: Romeo Must Die (R)

Saturday

3 p.m. My Dog Skip (PG)
7 p.m. Mission to Mars (PG)
9:30 p.m. Reindeer Games (R)
Midnight: Drowning Mona (PG-13)

Sunday

3 p.m. The Road to El Dorado (PG)
6 p.m. My Dog Skip (PG)
8:30 p.m. Mission to Mars (PG)

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MOVIES



G – General Audiences, All ages admitted
PG – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children
PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
R – Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

MOVIES
Motion Picture Association of America

DRIVE-IN

Friday – Reindeer Games (R)
Saturday – The Road to El Dorado (PG)
Sunday – Drowning Mona (PG-13)

*All MWR
movies are
free, all the
time.*

Reindeer Games (R - for language, violence and sexuality) Action/Adventure; Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise (104 min.) A team of criminals attempts to force an ex-convict to assist them in their plan to take down a plush casino on Christmas Eve.

Mission to Mars (PG - for mild language) Sci- Fi/Action; Gary Sinise and Kim Delaney (153min.) When the first manned mission to Mars meets with a catastrophic and mysterious disaster, a rescue mission is launched to investigate and bring back survivors. But when the astronauts of the Mars recovery mission finally reach the red planet, they are not prepared for the amazing discovery they are about to make.

Drowning Mona (PG-13 - for Brief Sexuality, Language, and Thematic Elements) Comedy; Danny DeVito, Jamie Lee Curtis (95min.) In the small upstate New York town of Verplank, nothing exciting ever really happens. But when the town's most hated resident mysteriously drives her car into the Hudson River the police have no shortage of suspects. In fact, it seem like the whole town might be in on it!

My Dog Skip (PG - for some violent content and mild language) Drama; Kevin Bacon, Diane Lane, Frankie Muniz (95 min.) Set in 1942, Yazoo, Mississippi, a lonely boy recieves a puppy for his ninth birthday. As an only child ignored at school and uncomfortable with girls, he establishes such a strong bond with the pooch that helps him widen his circle of human friends and reach a more mature understanding of life.

The Road to El Dorado (PG - For mild thematic material and language) Animation/ Comedy; Kevin Kline, Armond Assante (83 min.) A pair of two-bit con men believe they have found their path to fame, fortune and glory when they win a map to El Dorado, the legendary city of gold. But even after escaping from the brig and being declared gods by the native population, they find themselves at the center of a power struggle that will change El Dorado forever.

Romeo Must Die (R - for violence, language and brief nudity) Action; Jet Li, Russell Wong (110 min.) Tough ex-cop Han Sung travels from Hong Kong to America to find justice for his brother, who was murdered in an ongoing battle between Chinese and African-American gangs. Han soon takes his brother's place in the war and becomes entangled in the violence until he falls in love with the daughter of the rival gang's leader.

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AUTOS

WHITE RENAULT SUPER 5 1400: 3 doors, low mileage, mechanic and engine A-1, ITV until Oct 01. No problems. \$1,595 or best offer/urgent. Call John at 956-18-4304/626-626-314615.

CLASSIC 1978 MERCEDES BENZ 280: 2 Dr coupe, 6 cyl, 5 spd, leather, alarm, A/C, P/S, alum rims, current ITV. Asking \$4,500. Call Bob Blake at 956-84-0615

1989 BMW 316: Electronic injection, 62,000 miles, complete tune up, Power steering. Battery, radiator and clutch are new. ITV valid until Jan. 01, Owner pays for transfer. \$3,500. Call x2100 (Silvia) or 956-87-3296 (home).

1990 OPEL CORSA: 4dr, 5spd, good 2nd car. Motor recently repaired. Current ITV. Asking \$1,750. Contact Bob at 956-84-0615

RENAULT SUPER RS: 5spd, 4dr. Current ITV. Asking \$1,500. Contact Bob at 956-84-0615

1996 YAMAHA YZF-1000R THUNDERFACE: Spanish taxes paid, low miles, flawless, alarm system, very fast, bluebook is \$7,500 but selling for \$6,600 with transfer. Call x1694 (work) or 956-54-3178

1993 RENAULT 19: 2 door hatchback, Spanish tax free, 87,000 kms, 34 mpg, red/gray, ITV good until Nov 2001, insurance until Nov 00, tires/muffler new in June 99. Asking \$4,500. Call Ashley Evans at x2494 (work) or 956-85-0152

1990 CHEVY CORSICA LTZ: 6 cylinder, power windows and locks, ITV until Mar 01, reliable family transportation. Asking \$2,500. **1988 KAWASAKI ZX10 MOTORCYCLE:** Stage 3 jet kit, comp exhaust. Asking \$3,000. **1987 RENAULT II TSE:** 5 door hatchback, very reliable Rota beater, ITV good until Dec 00. Asking \$1,500. Call x4982

1988 PONTIAC SUNBIRD CONVERTIBLE: 5 speed, silver and black, detachable pioneer in dash cd, new muffler, water pump, thermostat, belts, 112,000 miles. Asking \$2,300 OBO. Call x1703 or 956-48-2407

75CC VESPA SCOOTER: Inexpensive transportation. Asking 85ml/\$500 OBO. Call 956-23-5111 and ask for Tim

1991 ACURA INTEGRALS: Burgandy, 5 speed, YC, PW, AM/FM/CD, sunroof, new tires. Excellent car. Call x4950 (home) or x2080 (w)

1996 FORD EXPLORER XLT: 43,000 miles, automatic, 4 door, fully loaded, power everything, A/C, cd changer, keyless entry, alarm, excellent condition. Asking condition. Asking \$17,000. Call x4847

1987 FORD ESCORT: 1.6 diesel, power windows, power locks, 5 speed, cd, 35/45mpg, ITV until March 01. Asking \$2,500. Call 956-87-7509 or 667-54-4342

1988 RENAULT NEVADA GTS STATION WAGON: Great condition, recent tune up, new tires. Asking \$3,500 OBO. Call 630-55-9995

1991 DODGE CARAVAN MINIVAN. Excellent condition, US specs, automatic transmission, A/C, airbag, power mirrors, cruise control. Asking \$5,500. Call Alex at 1418 or 956-480341 after 6 PM

FOR SALE

LARGE AMERICAN REFRIGERATOR: \$125. Call Ray at 956-54-0945

DRUM SET: Complete drum set with cymbals \$750. Call Tony at 607-60-0049

FITNESS EQUIPMENT: Nordic track pro ski machine \$250. OBO call x4245

VIDEO GAME: Sega Genesis and 9 games, 2 controllers, \$50.00 Please call 956-56-2194 or 696-62-8525

APPLIANCES FOR SALE: Spanish refrigerator/freezer 220v, Spanish washing machine 220v.

FITNESS EQUIPMENT: Vitamaster fitness running machine 110v. If interested call Jim at 956-48-1187 or x1883 (from 11:30 - 12:40; 15:30 - 17:00)

CHRISTMAS TREE: GFT Christmas tree \$25.

FIREPLACE GRATE: 19"X19" \$25. **CAR COVER:** Medium \$10. **HALL RUNNER:** Teal 26"x144" \$5. **CARPET:** Pink Berber carpet 6'x8' \$15. **10 SPEED BICYCLE:** Men and women's 27" Schwinn bicycles \$25. **HELMETS:** Two new bicycle helmets \$10 each. **SHOES:** Men's cleats size 10 1/2 \$25, women's cleats size 9 1/2 \$15,

women's volleyball size 9 1/2 \$25. **1500w ELECTRIC HEATER:** 110v \$10. **KEROSENE HEATER:** 14,000 BTU \$50. **AIR CONDITIONER:** 10,200 BTU 110v \$50 and 7,500 BTU 110v \$40. **DEHUMIDIFIER:** 110v 30 gal \$40. **FLOORFAN:** 110v standing floor fan \$10. **TRANSFORMER:** 3,000 watt \$20 and 500 watt \$5. **SATELLITE DISH:** Astra/Eudelsat satellite dish and decoder \$150. **GOLF CLUB:** Novice graphite 1W left handed \$20. **UTILITY SHED:** Aluminum 5x7 with floor \$75. **SOFA:** 84" multi-color \$150. **BEDSET:** Queen mattress box spring frame \$200. **RADIO:** Sanyo boom box \$20. Call 956-85-0152 and leave message

FERIA DRESSES: Girls dress very pretty like new for ages 8-11 color is aqua marine with white dots \$90, woman's size 8-10 with orange eyelet fabric \$90, woman's size 8-10 beige on floral print with green ribbon and purple lace both can be lengthened \$90. Call Maria at x2813

BABY ITEMS: Double jogger (Baby Jogger Brand) red with canopy \$200, double stroller (navy and white) \$45, Girl summer clothes (6-12 mos) \$3-\$5, Diaper Genie \$5. Call 956-48-1444

BEDROOM SUITE: 4 poster bedroom suite includes 5 drawer dresser, 7 drawer bureau with mirror and light, nightstand, headboard, footboard and bedrails, beautiful in an excellent condition. Asking \$1,650 OBO. **COMPUTER DESK:** 6'x6'2" light color paid \$269 will sell for

\$150. Call x4360

BABY ITEMS: Likenew brand name clothes for baby girl 0-6 months priced from \$5 and up, sit n soothe bassinet for girl or boy asking \$45. **FANS:** 220v fans used for 2 months for \$20 or large fan \$12/smaller fan \$10. Call Michele at x4119 after 6pm

BICYCLE: Men's 12 speed Stalker \$100, girls huffy \$30. **CLOTHES:** Boys and girls. **POTTY CHAIR:** \$8. **AQUARIUM:** 2 gallon aquarium with pump and light \$30. **CHILDREN'S GAMES:** Touch and Crawl Mickey \$10, Lite Brite \$7, Wiggles and Giggles Pooh Bear \$15. Call Cathy at x4972

DINING ROOM SET: Beautiful dark wood colonial style dining room set includes chairs, 2 of which are captain's chairs, an oval table with 2 leaves and a glassed in hutch \$1,500 OBO.

DRESSERS: Two matching dressers light wood with floral decors in good condition \$25 OBO.

GIRLS FERIA DRESSES: Like new girls' feria dresses both size 6 for ages 8-10, one is purple with white dots and the other is gold and burgundies in floral print, accessories include flowers and jewelry and extra material is available for lengthening \$75 each.

WOMEN'S FERIA DRESSES: Traditional feria dress for size 6 or 8 woman, burgundy with white dots, accessories include flowers and wooden jewelry. Call Barb at 956-81-4262 or email at deedman@teleline.es

VARIOUS HOUSEHOLD

APPLIANCES: Ceiling ventilator \$15, power drill \$20, spanish washing machine \$100, American dryer plus transformer \$50, microwave \$30, dishwasher \$60, butano heater and bottle \$50, toaster \$10, vacuum cleaner \$15. All items are 220v. Call Alex at x1418 or 956-48-0341 after 6pm

BLACK LEATHER SOFA: Chair and ottoman included \$1,000. **RINGS:** Wedding ring set in white gold, engagement ring 1/2ct princess cut with one 1/2ct trillion on each side \$1,800. **SONY CD RECORDER:** New hardly used \$450. **EARRINGS:** White gold hoop earrings lined with 1/4ct of diamonds on each \$350. Please call Alisha at 677-20-1199 after 7pm

HP PRINTER: Deskjet 682C \$100. **HP CD WRITER:** 40201 2X2X4 \$100. **PATIOSET:** Four chairs table and umbrella \$250. Call after noon x4996

SCUBA EQUIPMENT: 1999 Seiko scuba master dive watch never been worn retails for \$795 but am asking \$400 OBO, all warranties and paperwork included. **BABY ARTICLES:** Graco swing (battery operated) \$45. **AVENT BREASTPUMP:** \$20. **GERBER BREASTPUMP:** \$20. **CLOTHES:** Maternity and baby clothes. Call Michael at 956-48-0718 or 617-20-2254

BEDROOM ITEMS: Queen size bed room set, dresser with mirror and two night stands \$200. Call x4113

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER: Black entertainment

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center \$100 OBO. **BLUERUG:** 12'x12' blue rug \$100 OBO. Both in good condition. Call x4469 or x1766

LLADROS FOR SALE: Limited edition Elisa Ceramic figures, new for \$200 asking \$150, ceramic figure of Hindu man \$80, "The Flirt" last made in 1978 auctioned for \$850 asking \$400, "Magic" last sold in 1985 for \$600, partially broken asking \$200. Call Jon or Maria at 956-85-7936

220v APPLIANCES FOR SALE: Toaster, blender, kettle. **LUGGAGE:** Samsonite luggage on wheels. **BUTANO:** Butano heater with bottle \$75. **BINOCULARS:** \$50. **LEATHER COAT:** Woman's black leather coat size 10. Call 630-55-9995

DININGROOMSET: Wooden dining room table in great condition with removable leaf, 4 chairs and a matching buffet. Only 2 years old bought at the NEX for \$1,000 asking \$500 for the entire set. **GOLF CLUBS:** 3-SW and fairway wood excellent condition for \$125. Call x1079 or 956-81-4382 or email aspen1@telexline.es

HOUSES/APTS

For rent: Beautiful house in residential area of Puerto de Santa Maria: 4 large bedrooms, 3 bath, living/dinning room, great kitchen, lots of built-in closets. Propane central heat. Garage. Large yard. 190,000 pesetas mo. Call 670-795032.

For Rent: Unfurnished 3 bedroom apartment 3 minutes from Rota Gate. New construction and never lived with parking space. Owner asking for 75,000 Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

For rent: house in Las Redes: 3 bedrooms, 3 baths and a study, large living/dining room and large kitchen and large yard. 225,000 ptas./mo. Call 956-850653.

For rent: Single family home with large 4 bedrooms, bath, living-dining room with fireplace, furnished kitchen, great yard, roof, back patio. 95,000-Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

Need a house? Lot's of houses to rent: we'll find what you want. No rental fees, no language barrier. We rent, sell and build houses. American management. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-543755 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

For rent: House in Las Redes in perfect conditions. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living-dinning room. Large kitchen and large yard. 165,000 pesetas/month. Call 956-850653.

Beautiful sea view apartment, near Fuentebravía gate for rent: 3 bedrooms, living-dinning room, large terrace, 2 bathrooms, solar heat, lift, underground garage. Washing machine, vitro-ceramic range and oven, furnished kitchen, phone and satellite T.V. 110,000 ptas./mo. Call Brigitte at 956-851396/956-480973.

For Rent: Beautiful and large 4 bedroom apartment on La Marina. 2 baths, furnished kitchen, big balcony, closets in all the rooms. Three minutes from the beach, enclosed garage. Owner asking for 80,000-Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

Apartment overlooking the beach in Fuentebravía for rent: One bedroom, one bath, living/dining room, kitchen, large terrace and garage. 75,000 pesetas/mo. Call 956-850653.

For Rent: Unfurnished townhouse with 3 bedrooms, bath, great living and dining room, laundry area, large yard and parking space for two cars. Owner asking for 180,000-Ptas a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

WE HAVE apartments to rent on a month to month basis and in a wide range of monthly rents, sizes and locations. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

For Sale: Section of land in La Laguna. 850M² Phone of 60M² in front of the ocean. One of the

best places to live in Chipiona. 12,500,000-Ptas. or approx. \$72,674. Financing available for up to 75% of the sale value. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

For Sale: New construction: apartments and duplexes with private and enclosed garages for

sale on San Fernando Avenue. Flexible owner financing. Builder will facilitate down payment. Excellent price. Building time: 16 months. Financing available for up to 75% of the sale value.

Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

For Sale: Furnished apartment in private community with swimming pool. 3 Bedrooms, living and dining room, terrace with pool views, bath, kitchen and laundry area. 11,900,000-Ptas. or approx. \$70,000. Financing available for up to 75% of the sale value. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

For Sale: Apartment with 4 bedrooms with built in closets, furnished kitchen, 2 baths, living and dining room, garage with laundry area and drive space. Near the beach and the center of the village. 17,000,000-Ptas. or approx. \$106,250. Financing available for up to 75% of the sale value. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221

MISCELLANEOUS

TOASTMASTERS! Anyone interested or just curious, please call Jackie 965-81 6018 or Sherry 956-84-1330. Meetings are held every Thursday at 19:00 at the NFSC. Walk-ins welcome

SEAMSTRESS: Hems, patches, minor alterations. Fast and affordable. Uniform change May 1st...Are your WHITES ready?? Call Laura at x4311

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a weight loss support

group, meets Monday evenings in the Family Practice Clinic. Weigh in is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting is held from 7:00 until 8:00 pm. Call Suzanne for details 956-84-0902 or email at suzadale@arconet.es

INTENSIVE SPANISH COURSES: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-87-1926

VOLUNTEER NEEDED AT RAWL: To feed, bathe, clean cages, and walk dogs. Call x4000 for more info

PETS

ADOPT A PET: Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL). Various dogs and cats to choose from. Call x4000 or stop by (across from the drive-in)

DOG: Free to good home: 2yr old female Terrier/Greyhound mix. GREAT with kids! Call 956-84-1763 and leave message

FREE TO GOOD HOME: 4 year old male cat. Very friendly, comes with litter, litter box, and food. Call x4245

WANTED

JOGGING STROLLER: Call 956-48-0718 or 617-20-2254

KEYBOARD: With or without stand. Please call 956 56 2194 or 696 62 8525

WANTED TO BUY: As good as new furniture, electrical goods, etc. to furnish an unfurnished house. Call Annette at 956-56-1829

A M E R I C A N REFRIGERATOR: Measures approximately 29" wide, 30" deep and 64" high. Call Pip or Tom at 966-49-8590 or leave a message at 956-54-2997.

ENGLISH TEACHER: Saturday work starting in September, from 10-12 a.m. Call John at 956-85-9556 or e-mail jgonterh@nexo.es

PUPPY SITTER: For my 1 year old labrador retriever. Preferably at your house with other pets. Will pay \$10.00 a day. Available once or twice a week and also for multiple days while traveling. Call 956-48-0977

PRAYER

Easter Novena Prayer: Jesus, you drank deeply of the cup of human suffering and death, reconciled all creation to your Eternal Father, and brought us to new life in You. Help me to shout the Good News of Your Resurrection by how I live, what I do, and how I love. May every Sunday and every Mass become a little Easter as I proclaim You the Risen Christ. Jesus, give me insight into the mystery of your invitation in the Eucharist. Call me to your banquet where you give as nourishment your very person and life. Heaven Father, may we who have meditated on the death and resurrection of Jesus be filled with hope and joy. Confident of His presence among us and of His power to touch us, to teach us, to heal us, and to forgive us, may we have the strength and the power to bring His love and His peace to all the people we meet. May the Risen Lord be our peace. Amen, Jess López

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SPORTS

Standings and Schedules

CAPTAIN'S CUP GOLF
STANDINGS

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUE

Command	Points
HOSP	23
AMC	22
NEMOC	19
NSGA A	17.5
NCTAMS	9.5
NSGA B	9.5
NAVSTA	8
PWD	7.5

CAPTAIN'S CUP GOLF
STANDINGS

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

Command	Points
DGF	29
VQ2	23
SUPPLY	21
NSWU-10	12
AIMD A	12
PORT OPS	11
MWR	9.5
AIMD B	8.5

GOLF SCHEDULES

all games at 5 p.m.

MWR vs SUPPLY	01 May
PORT OPS vs DGF	01 May
AIMD A vs NSWU-10	01 May
VQ2 vs AIMD B	01 May
NCTAMS vs PWD	02 May
HOSP vs NSGA A	02 May
NAVSTA vs AMC	02 May
NEMOC vs NSGA B	02 May
PORT OPS vs AIMD B	03 May
SUPPLY vs NSWU-10	03 May
DGF vs MWR	03 May
AIMD A vs VQ2	03 May
PWD vs AMC	04 May
HOSP vs NSGA B	04 May
NSGA A vs NCTAMS	04 May
NAVSTA vs NEMOC	04 May

CAPTAIN'S CUP SOCCER
STANDINGS

Command	Wins	Losses	Ties
NAVSTA	9	0	0
HOSPITAL	9	1	0
NSGA	6	3	2
DGF	5	4	1
VQ2	4	7	0
MCSF	2	6	1
NSWU-10	1	6	0
AMC	1	8	1

SOCCER SCHEDULE

AMC vs NSWU	01 May	1730
NSGA vs HOSP	01 May	1830
VQ2 vs NAVSTA	01 May	1930
MCSF vs DGF	01 May	2030
MCSFF vs AMC	03 May	1730
NAVSTA vs HOSP	03 May	1830
NSGA vs NSWU	03 May	1930
VQ2 vs DGF	03 May	2030

Youth Athletic Bowling Assoc.

Prep Division Kingpins

High Scratch Series	
Matt Stinson	834
High Handicap Series	
Tyler Hamett	1154
High Scratch Game	
Eric Batista	137
High Handicap Game	
Andy Perry	202

Jr./Sr. Division Kingpins

High Scratch Series	
Josh Stinson	898
High Handicap Series	
Sarah Perry	1228
High Scratch Game	
Lucke Foucher	170
High Handicap Game	
Corey Reddy	235



Earth Day: Running for the world

In celebration of Earth Day, a 5K run was held Apr. 18 at the Fitness Center. Results were: Men under 29: 1st - Manuel Jesus Villalba; 2nd - Daniel Criado Fuentes; 3rd - Ivan Conseyr. Men 30-40: 1st - Mike Henderson; 2nd - Juan Gonzalez; 3rd - Alex Glez. Men over 40: 1st Jim Felty; 2nd John Sanchez. Women under 29: 1st Sonyia Vasquez; 2nd Lisa Toaso. Women 30-40: 1st Marilyn Ocasio; 2nd Lena Gray; 3rd Pam Ellis. Women over 40: 1st Place Janet Felty

'Everything' 5K Run

The Health Promotions Department and ATF at the Naval Hospital are sponsoring an "Everything Under the Sun" 5-K Fun Run, Friday, May 5, at the Fitness Center. At 11:30 a.m., the Dermatologist will offer skin cancer screenings and medical personnel will give blood pressure screenings. The run begins at noon. There will be men's health and fitness information, alcohol awareness and skin cancer prevention information, a list with all the activities and POCs on the base to have fun with during your leisure time, and sign-ups for the up-coming Fitness Competition at the Athletic Center. There will be "Everything Under the Sun" t-shirts for participants. Call Health Promotions at ext. 3350 to sign up or sign up at 11:30 a.m. at the run.

Youth bowling tournament held

Brian Miller
YABA

who would become the Millennium Kingpins.

In October, 38 youths signed up to participate in the Youth Athletic Bowling Association League.

The league consisted of the Prep Division from ages 7-12 and the Junior/Senior Division from ages 13-18. After twenty-four fun-filled weeks of bowling the stage was set for the Grand Finale.

On April 16, twelve bowlers from the Prep and Junior/Senior Divisions who signed up to participate in the season ending tournament took to the lanes. In six games, the outcome would decide

You could feel the electricity and excitement in the air as each bowler stepped up to the lanes. Now I know what professional bowlers go through on television. The first three rounds of bowling went quickly and the half way point brought some temporary relief to the bowlers as they switched lanes and tried to gather there thoughts.

The tenth and final frame was packed with pressure and emotion as each bowler decided their own fate in the tournament finale.

When the final pin was knocked over and all scores were tallied, the Millennium Kingpins were announced.

A big thanks goes out to YABA President Mike Stinson, Tracey Klucina and all the parents who helped make the YABA experience one to remember. Thanks also to Connie at Rota Bowling Lanes for donating gifts to all of the players participating in the tournament.

The YABA Awards Ceremony will be at noon on Sunday at Sea View Pines. The menu will consist of Potluck.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Golf Tournament Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Volvo Masters and World Golf Championships to be held in November. Contact Rob O'Rourke at 956-84-0993.

Sports Commissioner Needed

MWR is accepting applications for the position of "Sports Commissioner." The position will be a "contracted services" position and the incumbent should possess applied knowledge and skills on: rules and regulations of a variety of sports; prior experience in officiating a variety of sports. All resumes should be turned into the MWR Athletics office no later than May 3.

Champions rule change

The softball season for regular play begins next week, and MWR is revising some of the rules at Champions to make the facility more user-friendly. Softball uniforms and plastic/rubber cleats will be allowed inside Champions (no metal spikes). Also, children accompanied by an adult, will be allowed in the dining area and pool room with no limit regarding the time of day or night. Still, children under the age of 18 cannot be allowed in the bar area or slot room.

Mother's Day 5K Run

Join the fun and sign up for the Mother's Day 5K Run on May 12 at noon in front of the Fitness Center.

Dynamic Dualathlon

Get ready for the Dynamic Dualathlon (5K Run, 20K Bike, and 5K Run) on May 6 at 9 a.m. at the Fitness Center. There will be an organizational meeting for the event at 4:30 p.m. on April 27 at the Fitness Center. Call ext. 2563.

Sports Rep. Meeting

The next command sports representative meeting will be May 2 at 4:30 p.m. in the Aquatics Center. Call ext. 2563.

Navy Exercise Course

The Fitness Center is offering a free group exercise course for national certification for land aerobics. For more information, please call ext. 2563.

Power of talk, major league role models

Ron Wilson is the formerly-sanguine coach of the Washington Capitals. They were the best team in hockey during the second half of the season and earned a 2nd seed in the Eastern conference playoffs. This meant that they would only have to play a lowly 7th seed in the first round. The 7th seed happened to be the undermanned Pittsburgh Penguins and the Caps secretly knew they could win on talent alone.

So y'know what coach Wilson went out and did? He tried a new and exciting strategy of lulling the other team to sleep by insulting and antagonizing them (hey, why mollify sleeping dogs when you can kick 'em around?).

Coach Wilson, commenting on the unusual schedule for the series, said he would be willing to play all seven games in Pittsburgh and his team would "go in there and beat 'em anyway." We all know how this strategy fared. Game One: Pittsburgh 7, Washington 0. Final Series: antagonized 4, antagonist 1.

I bring this up to fill all you Laker fans with a tiny seed of doubt about their impending championship. Phil Jackson, a guy many consider the best coach in the NBA, has repeatedly downplayed the legitimacy of San Antonio's title last year. Phil has gone out of his way to remind folks in the Alamo City that the Spurs are only

Sports Talk

with Russ Gambrel



champions with an asterisk. His Lakers will be real champions. The results so far? The last ten games between these two teams have culminated in a Spurs victory *nine times*. Let's roll...

Gather the kids around while I tell you the story of a wonderful role model by the name of Locksean Yohnson. Locksean was a former number one overall pick who signed a long-term contract after impressing the team owner in his rookie season.

In exchange for catching about 70 balls a season, Locksean was remunerated in the amount of \$2 million a year.

The team was happy, the coach was happy, & Locksean was happy.

Well, that is until another player who catches balls made a deal with his team to receive \$28 million. This was an outrage to Locksean! Locksean knew that only Locksean was entitled to that kind of dough! Problem was, young Mr. Yohnson had already promised his coach, his team and his city that he would

play for that measly \$2 million over the next 3 years.

Y' see, Locksean had signed a long-term contract to protect himself against bad performance. Even if he caught only 4 balls a

season, he would still get paid his \$2 million. But given the new standard of \$7 million a year, Locksean was not happy.

In fact, Locksean quickly realized that if he stuck around with his current team, the coach, the fans and the whole darn city would probably make him keep his word and live up to his agreement. The nerve of these people!

Locksean Yohnson was not to be made a slave! Locksean wanted his \$7 million! No reasonable person could possibly expect him to honor an agreement that only paid ball-catcher minimum wage. He had a family to feed goshdamit!

Well, I'm happy to report that things have worked out well for our little role model. By threatening to dishonor his contract if the ticketholders didn't pay him more money, Locksean broke free of his oppression.

In doing so, Locksean has taught us all a valuable lesson: never let the Man keep you down with his minimum wage and his "contract-honoring".

Thanks Locksean! See ya next week.

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